

REPORT OF DECISIVE VICTORY OF GERMANS IN POLAND IS DISCREDITED IN LONDON

Official German Report From Posen, While Claiming Capture of Lowicz, Admits That Russian Line Is Not Broken—Austrians Rout Slavs In Galicia Capturing Many

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, DECEMBER 20.—DESPITE REPEATED assertions from the headquarters of the general staff at Berlin yesterday, that the Germans in Poland "continue to pursue the defeated Russians," the impression is formed here that the great celebration in Berlin last week of "the greatest victory of all wars" was premature, to say the least. While it is still believed that the Germans have made gains in Poland, it is not believed now that there has been anything approaching a decisive victory.

RENEWED FAITH IN PETROGRAD
Two days ago the British press had accepted the Berlin dispatches at somewhere near their face value, the Petrograd reports having been meager and having failed to impress. Now the press here is scouting the Berlin reports as gross exaggerations and is placing confidence anew in the news of the situation sent out from Russian sources.

This feeling of incredulity in the German official announcements is shared in by some sections of the press of Berlin, which is accusing more or less openly the general staff of exaggerations and of raising the enthusiasm of the people without foundation.

CONTRADICTIONS CONTINUE
Berlin last night claimed that the Russians were being driven back steadily, in contradiction to which Petrograd reported that the activities on the left bank of the Vistula have lessened down to a mere series of outpost skirmishes.

The German attempts to cross the Vistula have failed, according to the official Russian reports. Their pontoons have been captured and destroyed and a number of prisoners have been taken.

GERMANS CLAIM LOWICZ
An official report last night from Posen says that the Germans have captured Lowicz, an important junction point between Lodz and Waraw, forty-five miles southwest of the latter city. This capture has forced the Russian line back for twenty-one miles. The Russian line is not broken, however, the official report says.

An unofficial report from Russian sources states that the Germans have evacuated Lodz, finding the occupation of that city of no strategic importance. This report does not square with the Posen report of the occupation of Lowicz, Lodz being on the main railroad line between Lowicz and Kalisz, on the Silesian border.

The campaign against Czapow is proceeding independently of the main fighting in Middle Poland, the Russian strategists apparently depending upon the threat of an invasion of Lower Silesia to make a diversion of a portion of the German main force moving against Warsaw.

AUSTRIAN REPORTS OF VICTORY
Austrian headquarters yesterday reports that the Austrian victory at Limanowa was a complete rout of the Russians, the Austro-Hungarian army taking twenty-six thousand prisoners and an immense quantity of stores.

While the Russians were hurrying reinforcements from available points to relieve the pressure upon the remnants of their force at Limanowa, the garrison of Przemyel made a sortie and is said to have captured several hundred prisoners.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST SERBIA ENDS
The Austrian campaign against Serbia appears to have been abandoned altogether, the Austrians contenting themselves with a defense of their own territory.

German critics are of the opinion that Austria found herself faced with the necessity of deciding whether to strengthen her forces in West Galicia or in Serbia, and choose to do the former.

ARCTIC EXPLORER IS AERO ENTHUSIAST

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, December 20.—Robert E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, who is actively interested in aeroplaning, has submitted to the New York Aero Club plans for the establishment of landing stations for aeroplanes throughout the United States.

Steamer Sails From Vancouver With Ammunition of Penn- sylvania Make

VANCOUVER, December 20.—(Associated Press by Commercial Pacific Cable.)—The Russian steamship Navigator, a new vessel built to ply between Vladivostok and Seattle, cleared from this port yesterday for the Siberian port with a cargo of explosives for the use of the Russian army. The cargo includes one hundred and sixty car loads of siege gun projectiles, which had been purchased by the agents of the Russian government in Pennsylvania and brought here over the Canadian Pacific railway. The projectiles will be forwarded to their destination by the Transiberian line.

SAFE CONDUCT FOR RELIEF WORKERS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 20.—A statement given out here yesterday by the British Embassy, connects the movements of a British steamship with Colonel Goethals' request for warships to preserve the wireless neutrality within the three-mile limit at the Panama Canal Zone. The embassy statement says that Goethals' investigation has proven that the neutrality regulations were not violated. A British collier which had been suspected of holding illegal radio communication with British warships at sea, has been found unprovided with wireless apparatus. The trouble was caused by another vessel, outside the three-mile limit, which sent out the radio messages that were heard on shore.

TRENCH TERRORS DRIVE MEN MAD

Wrecks From the Firing Line
Are Being Brought Back to
British Hospitals.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SOUTHAMPTON, December 19.—The terrific strain on the soldiers engaged in the incessant fighting along the western battle line is beginning to show serious results in the return of soldiers from the front physically prostrated by the pressure of war.

The hospitals are crowded with cases of insanity and nervous prostration. These are occurring most frequently among the troops which have served severe periods in the trenches.

An amazing number of the most serious cases are not wounded. A change of surroundings usually works rapid improvement among the men. The stories show the terrible effects of the fighting, even among those who are not hit. The concussion of one exploding shell hurled a sergeant, unscathed, fifty feet and ruptured both his ear-drums and temporarily destroyed his sight.

The exposure in the trenches in bitter cold and rain has caused much neuritis and toothache. The swollen jaws and inability of the sufferers to eat the coarse food has proved that no soldier is better than his teeth. Many dentists have been sent to the front to care for cases of toothache.

As a result of the facts brought out by the war, the public schools are now carrying on systematic examinations of the teeth of the pupils and teaching them the proper care of the mouth.

In many instances soldiers overworked and temporarily crazed have been known to expose deliberately their hands and feet to the fire of the enemy's sharpshooters, courting trivial wounds which necessitate their removal from the trenches.

KANSAS CITY IN GRIP OF BLIZZARD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
KANSAS CITY, December 20.—The worst blizzard of the season swept over here yesterday, the thermometer going below zero for many hours. Five deaths from freezing were reported last night. Much suffering has resulted among the poor in unprotected homes.

MRS. GOELET HAS NEW BANKER HUSBAND

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, December 20.—Henry Clews Jr., son of the well known banker of this city, and Mrs. Robert Goelet, divorced wife of R. W. Goelet, were married here yesterday. Mrs. Goelet filed suit for divorce from her former husband at Newport News on January 22, 1914, alleging extreme cruelty as the cause. She asked and was awarded custody of her two children.

GERMAN MINE RISK STOPS STEAMSHIPS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
HULL, December 20.—The regular steamship service between this port and Copenhagen, which has heretofore been uninterrupted, has now been suspended, the danger from German mines being too great to risk.

JOSEPH SMITH HEAD OF SUGAR COMBINE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SALT LAKE CITY, December 20.—Joseph Smith, president of the Mormon Church, was yesterday elected president of the Amalgamated Sugar Company and of the Consolidated Amalgamated Sugar Company of Louisiana. The capitalization of the newly formed corporation is \$6,000,000. The headquarters will now be at Ogden, this State.

ASTOR DONATES A BIG RELIEF FUND

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, December 20.—William Waldorf Astor has placed \$125,000 at the disposal of the Duchess of Argyll, to be expended by her in the relief of the families of British officers killed or wounded at the front.

WIFE OF CELEBRATED ARTIST A SUICIDE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, December 20.—The wife of Walter Crane, the celebrated artist, decorator and author, who is well known in America, was found dead on a railroad track in Kent yesterday. All the evidence points to suicide.

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(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, December 20.—British and German certificates, guaranteeing safe conduct to the basters, have been issued to the helpers who are sailing for Belgium or the relief ships.

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS.

FAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. Made by PARIS MEDICINE CO., Saint Louis, U. S. A.

LEE M'CLUNG A VICTIM OF TYPHOID

LONDON, December 20.—Lee M'Clung, former treasurer of the United States and once famous football player for Yale, died here yesterday from typhoid fever, after an illness of three months. He was forty-four years of age.

SENATE CONFIRMS FUNSTON'S PROMOTION

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 20.—Congress yesterday confirmed the nomination of Brigadier General Frederick Funston to be major general. President Wilson had ordered the promotion of General Funston on November 17, following the retirement of Major General W. W. Woodhewer and the congressional confirmation makes the appointment effective from that date.

KIEL IS GUARDED WITH GREAT CARE

Great German Naval Base Carefully Watched and Fortified Against Possible Attack

KIEL, Germany (Via Berlin, The Hague and London), December 20.—A pair of grey submarines, the alongside the dock where the American yachts were moored during their last visit to Kiel. The warships anchored in the harbor were not permitted to have their torpedo nets raised.

A Red Cross flag flew from the Imperial Yacht Club. The sky lights in the harbor buildings have been blacked out to prevent lights from being seen by hostile aviators, and for a similar reason placards in hotel rooms bear the request that the shutters to the windows be closed before any light is displayed.

Guarding Against Aerial Attack
As a further precaution against attack by aircraft, machine guns have been posted in conspicuous positions on the roofs of the higher buildings and occasionally sentinels may be seen on the tops of the high chimneys. A large number of fortifications and lashed wire entanglements is traversed here and there when one is driving on the outskirts.

These precautions have been taken against any possible attacks on the important Kiel Canal by air or land. Otherwise the Kiel of these days of war is quite a little different from the Kiel of ordinary times.

In the harbor steamers and tugs with long tows go about their customary work, and in town, although there naturally is more activity, the people seem to be pursuing their ordinary course of life.

Correspondent Inspects Factory
The submarine did not maintain an attitude of undue secrecy or mystery toward the Associated Press correspondent, who was visiting Kiel for the first time since the outbreak of the war. He was taken everywhere cheerfully. He was shown through every department of the government torpedo factory, into which in ordinary times those not connected with the service are not allowed to enter; he was taken into the newest submarines, abroad the biggest battleship to watch battle practice, with heavy guns and torpedoes, and through the docks where torpedo boats and submarines are being refitted or are undergoing their customary cleaning. All reasonable questions were answered readily.

Many Submarines Building
A large number of submarines are approaching completion or are in an advanced stage of construction. Several have been put into commission since the outbreak of the war. All of these are of the largest sea-going type.

The Germans claim that already they have more of the big cruising type of submarines than have the British. Evidence also is to be seen that Germany's mosquito fleet of torpedo-boat destroyers has been considerably strengthened since the outbreak of the war in boats having a speed of thirty knots.

Submarines are not given for obvious reasons. There have been a considerable number of additions to the capital ships also.

Visits Famous U-9
An interesting feature of the correspondent's visit was the inspection of two submarines, one of these, Lieut. Wedgigen's famous U-9, was the latest type and had just been put into commission. This latter type of submarine is able to keep to the sea about as long as the crew can stand the strain.

The problem of rescue in the case of accident is solved by buoys for and aft, to which chains can be attached and a smaller buoy carrying a telephone and an electric light. A complete system of water-tight compartments give the crew a chance of life even when quite a hole has been opened in the shell.

Torpedo Works Are Doubled
The torpedo works have been almost doubled in capacity since the beginning of the war, and they are now turning out more torpedoes than are used, so that the large war reserve is increasing.

The Ironclad formerly called the Odenburg, was the only warship to be seen in the harbor whose paint had been marred. She had been used for target practice and now, a battle-scarred wreck, is in drydock, where she is being patched up to give the jockies another chance to test their skill with guns while they are waiting for an opportunity to attack a British warship.

FIRING SQUADS IN MEXICO ARE BUSY

Several Hundred Executions During the Past Week—Texas Raid Nipped in the Bud

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, December 20.—General Blase Orpinal and Captain Roman Burmedes were shot yesterday on the order of Colonel Castro, a Carrancista, who had captured the two Villa officers at the head of an expedition which they were leading from Texas against Piedras Negras.

Confirmation of the report that San Luis Potosi had been turned over to the Carrancista forces was received here yesterday. The definite news has come that the Carrancista forces have been repulsed and declared for Carranza, surrendering the city to the first chief's representatives.

WHOLESALE EXECUTIONS

EL PASO, December 20.—Reliable reports that have reached here from the City of Mexico, Chihuahua and Juarez show that the number of executions in those cities during the past week for political offenses amounts to several hundred. Many prominent Mexicans have been summarily shot by firing squads, after the most perfunctory trials.

AUTO BANDIT'S BOOTY PARTLY RECOVERED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
CINCINNATI, December 20.—Of the booty aggregating \$15,000 secured by Frank Holt, the auto bandit, who was shot and killed by a bank policeman on December 17, after he had robbed two banks, a total of \$2100 has been recovered from the place where it had been hidden.

The wife of the dead bandit was arrested immediately after his identity had been established, and their home thoroughly searched for the booty, none of which was found on the person of Holt when he was brought down by the policeman's revolver. The search was unsuccessful at first, but was finally rewarded yesterday by the finding of the \$2100.

Evidence was also discovered leading to the belief that Holt had mailed a parcel post package containing \$4500, addressed to E. C. Wright at Louisville, Kentucky. This would constitute practically the entire remainder of the sum secured by Holt in his two successful holdups. The authorities are now tracing this parcel.

REFORMER STABBED BY UNKNOWN THUG

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
KITSBURG, December 20.—George Dillinger, a member of the city council, was the victim of an attempted assassination here last night and is now in a hospital in a serious condition. He was called to the porch of his home, where he was attacked in the darkness by some unknown persons and stabbed several times.

The only motive to which the assault can be attributed is that Councilman Dillinger has been active in a crusade to close the vice resorts in this city.

Two Hundred Million in Cash Wanted At Once—Rome Sees War Near

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
ROME, December 20.—The rushing of army and navy preparations, the purchasing of enormous quantities of supplies and, now, the announcement that a new loan is to be floated at once, are all taken here to have but one meaning, which is that the Italian government looks for war very early in the new year.

The loan which was announced yesterday will be for \$200,000,000, in twenty-five year bonds. The issue, which is believed to be a very successful one, will be made on January 1.

Honolulu Proof

Should Convince Every Honolulu Reader.

The frank statement of a neighbor, telling the merits of a remedy, bids you pause and believe.

Here's a Honolulu case. A Honolulu citizen testifies.
Read and be convinced.
James C. L. Armstrong, Nuuanu Valley, Honolulu, Hawaii, says: "I was a sufferer from kidney trouble for three years, and Duan's Backache Kidney Pills completely cured me. I have had no return attack of the complaint during the past year. I cannot recommend this remedy too highly."

Duan's Backache Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists and storekeepers at 50 cents per box (six boxes \$2.50), or will be mailed on receipt of price by the Hollister, Drug Co., Honolulu, wholesale agents for the Hawaiian Islands.

Remember the name, Duan's, and take no substitutes.

CONDEMNNS PLAN OF MILITARY TRAINING

Survey of University of Wisconsin Shows Peace Ideas Should Be Taught Students

MADISON, Wisconsin, December 20.—The scheme advocated by Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood and other high ranking officers of the United States army for making military education a compulsory part of the curriculum of all colleges and universities, is condemned after an investigation here.

William Allen of New York has submitted a report of a survey conducted at the University of Wisconsin which is adverse to the military educational idea. In the report he says that the amount of time spent in military instruction and training can be spent in teaching the arts of peace and efficient citizenship, and will result in doing more to advance the interests of the State.

CORNELL APPROVES OF IT

Of military drill in colleges the Syracuse Post-Standard says: "Military drill is a useful adjunct to a college curriculum. It has a physical, disciplinary and an educational value. It gives to all students the rudiments of military training and it leads many to pursue their studies farther, thus to acquire the ability to command. All this has been proved by the experience of Cornell University, without any impairment in the interest in university studies for the many by the few. Cornell requires military drill because under its charter it must. To a great many of the students it seems a great bore and a waste of time. But there are few who, when the course is completed, regret the time given to this outdoor work, at once education and recreation. There are many who sometimes military studies throughout their careers and who are quite capable, in case of emergency, of taking commissions in a volunteer army, as was abundantly proved in the Spanish War. In such cases of emergency there must be always in a country like ours, immediate demand in the event of war, for officers. If military drill were not by law of its foundation required at Cornell, the trustees of the university would still continue it. At least the chief officers of the university have so testified. For, apart from the value to the State in training young men in military affairs, there is a decided value to the student himself in getting into the open afterwards, to take long marches with a gun across his shoulder."

ISTHMIAN SAFE IN PORT OF SAN DIEGO

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN DIEGO, December 20.—The American-Hawaiian steamship Tahiti had reached this port safely last night, after a perilous journey of 300 miles from San Pedro Island, where she had sustained serious damage by striking on a rock two days ago.

For the past twenty-four hours the captain of the ship had been making a desperate effort to save his vessel by bringing her into port, and his efforts were rewarded by success. The work of effecting temporary repairs began at once, and the vessel will be repaired sufficiently to make the trip to drydock at San Francisco.

HARTLEPOOL SCENE OF UNION FUNERAL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, December 20.—The funeral of eleven of the victims of the recent German navy raid at Hartlepool were held yesterday, the occasion being made the scene of a great demonstration against the Germans. The joint funeral services were attended by many thousands.

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BRITISH SHIPS SILENCE NAVAL GUNS ASHORE

Germans Spring a Surprise On Belgian Coast, But Not Successful One

TWELVE-INCH GUNS PUT OUT OF BUSINESS

French Report Gains, Which Are Denied in Official News From the Germans

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
DOVER, DECEMBER 20.—A victory of British guns ashore was reported last night as a result of the participation of the British monitor fleet in the fighting in Flanders yesterday.

The warships steamed in towards the dunes for the purpose of shelling the German trenches between Neuport and Middelkerke, in support of the Allies' infantry advancing along the coast from Lombartzyde, when a number of shore batteries in which twelve-inch naval guns had been mounted by the Germans opened fire upon the ships.

The duel between ships and batteries lasted for some hours, concluding with the silencing of the shore guns. Whether these were destroyed or simply withdrawn out of range of the ships' gunners is not known.

BRITISH LOSE TRENCHES

PARIS, December 20.—Several of the trenches captured by the British on Friday in the vicinity of Neuve Chappelle were retaken by the Germans yesterday, who attacked in force, driving the British back to their old lines.

The French, on their side, stormed a number of trenches, and succeeded in holding them against all counter attacks.

FRENCH TELL OF GAINS

"Yesterday, in Belgium, we consolidated the gains of territory won on Thursday south of Dixmunde and advanced towards Cortemarck," says the official report issued yesterday afternoon.

"South of Ypres our progress continues through very difficult swampy territory between the River Lys and the River Oise. We advanced one kilometer south of La Basses in spite of spirited counter attacks made by the enemy. Near Albert we advanced over violent fire to the enemy's second line of entrenchments."

"North of Marcourt incendiary bombs forced us to abandon trenches. We had taken the night before. Near Mamonts we captured several German trenches."

"In the forest of Lagurrie we destroyed a German undermining trench. Our aviators confirm the report that two German batteries have been destroyed by our artillery fire, as well as one seriously damaged, on the heights of the Meuse."

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